Commission on Sale of Certificates

†1982. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was an understanding between his Ministry and the Department of Posts to increase 10 per cent commission on the basis of sale of certificates and each account and the same has been lowered to 2.36 per cent by his Ministry unilaterally;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for not holding prior discussion with Department of Posts before the annual increase was brought down to 2.36 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The ten per cent increase in the rates per account/per certificate, of agency charges payable to the Department of Posts was adopted in 1994-95 when the rate of inflation based on the wholesale price index was 12.6 per cent.

At present, suitable increase is allowed taking into account various factors including the rate of inflation, every year. Further, the gap between revenue receipts and non-plan revenue expenditure of the Department of Posts is being met out of the general revenues.

Increase in Non-tax Revenue

1983. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a series of measures to beef up their non-tax revenues and curtail non-plan expenditure in a big way;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have also taken steps to tap fresh sources of revenue;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount likely to be mobilized in this way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

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